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Gentlemen:

As a concerned citizen I strongly implore you to do the following:

- --- FDA must do more than put Bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures
- --- FDA should prohibit the practice of forced molting because forced molting has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the starving hens' immune systems
- ---FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices, such as forced molting. that injure human health
- ---FDA must ban the forced molting of laying hens because forced molting is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, egg, and consumers of eggs. THE CRUELTY AND CONTAMINATION ARE LINKED !!!
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 ---FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. This petition should be granted without further delay.

 This issue is of great interest and concern to me and I will be watching the outcome closely.

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